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**CIGNA MEDICAL GROUP AND MARICOPA COUNTY TEAM-UP  
TO OFFER ADDITIONAL ADULT FLU SHOTS FOR QUALIFIED AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS**

**PHOENIX, Dec. 9, 2004** - CIGNA Medical Group (CMG) will administer approximately 22,000 adult flu shots provided by Maricopa County beginning December 11 to individuals considered to be at risk who submitted their names earlier to the County and still wish to receive a flu shot.

Maricopa County received 8,200 doses of flu serum this week and will receive approximately 14,000 doses in early January. "In view of the large number of doses we are scheduled to receive, we have asked CIGNA Medical Group to assist us in administering the shots through flu clinics. Maricopa County has a longstanding relationship with CIGNA, which provides health care coverage to our employees and their dependents. CIGNA Medical Group routinely administers flu shots at its health care centers and was the logical choice to assist us with this effort," said Andy Kunasek, chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

The first clinics will be Saturday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following East, Central and West Valley CMG locations:

- Stapley Health Care Center, located at 1111 S. Stapley Dr., Mesa
- Clyde Wright Health Care Center, located at 755 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix
- Paseo Health Care Center, located at 5891 W. Eugie Ave., Glendale

"CIGNA Medical Group has already given nearly 48,000 flu shots to our members and the public this fall through our annual flu shot clinics," said Bob Carroll, vice president and chief operating officer of CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona. "We are happy to assist Maricopa County by administering additional available flu shots for the benefit of individuals in the community who previously entered the Maricopa County flu shot lottery and are considered to be at risk."

In order to receive a flu shot at a CMG flu shot clinic, individuals must:

- Be a Maricopa County resident;
- Have previously submitted a request to be included in the Maricopa County flu shot lottery; **and**
- Be considered high-risk as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. High-risk means:
  - Adults age 65 and older
  - Persons between 18 and 64 years old who have a chronic medical condition

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**Maricopa County/CMG Flu Shot Clinics**  
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- Women pregnant during the flu season
- Residents of nursing homes and long term care facilities
- Health care workers involved in direct patient care
- Out of home caregivers and household contacts of children 0 to six months of age.

Individuals will need to bring a personal identification card such as a driver's license to the flu clinic to allow CMG to confirm that they are on the list of persons who previously sent in a request to be included in the County flu shot lottery. The cost is \$25 for a flu shot unless individuals bring their Medicare Part B fee for service card to the clinic and there will be no charge.

"Flu shots will be available to eligible individuals on a first come, first serve basis for the current 8,200 doses," Carroll said. "However, as Maricopa County receives additional doses of flu serum, CIGNA Medical Group will establish the dates, times and locations for clinics in January and will announce future locations to the public as soon as possible."

The Maricopa County Public Health Department would like to remind the public that there are still other community providers who may be offering flu vaccine. Individuals who are interested in obtaining a flu vaccine are encouraged to contact their health care provider for further information.

To learn more information about the CMG flu shot clinics, dates, times or locations, log on to [www.maricopa.gov/flu](http://www.maricopa.gov/flu) or call the CMG Flu Shot Hotline at 602.906.2750 or 480.345.5355 to find the closest location.

To find out where pediatric flu shots are available, log on to the Community Information and Referral web site at [www.cirs.org](http://www.cirs.org) or call 602.263.8856.

With more than 31 years of history, CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona, Inc. is one of the oldest and largest health plans in the state. CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona provides health care coverage and employee benefit services to more than 500,000 individuals throughout the state. The CIGNA Medical Group, a division of CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona, is the Valley's largest multi-specialty group practice with approximately 145,000 patients and 17 offices located throughout Metropolitan Phoenix. To learn more about CMG its Urgent Care, hearing, optical and pharmacy services, log on to [www.cigna.com/cmgaaz](http://www.cigna.com/cmgaaz).